THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) After consideration of all the aspects Government have decided to locate the proposed New Railway Coach Factory in Punjab.

New Power Generation Schemes of the Gujarat Government

177. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Government have proposed a number of new schemes for the clearance by the Central Government for power generation;

(b) if so, which are the new schemes proposed by the Government of Gujarat for power generation;

(c) what is the number of schemes cleared by the Centre; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in clearing remaining schemes proposed by the Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Five Hydro and twelve thermal generation schemes were received in the Central Electricity Authority from the Gujarat Government/Electricity Board during the last five years.

(c) Two hydro and six thermal schemes have been techno-economically cleared of which three thermal schemes have been sanctioned for implementation.

(d) Two thermal schemes are under techno-economic appraisal. In respect of three hydro schemes, techno-economic clearance is no longer required consequent on amendment of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948. Four thermal schemes have been returned to the State authorities as essential inputs were not established.

इलाहाबाद-भटनी लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदला जाना

178. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद सिटी से भटनी तक की रेलवे मीटर लाइन को बड़ी लाइन में बदलने का प्रस्ताव कब से सरकार के विचाराधीन है और उसे अभी तक न बदले जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) परियोजना कब तक पूरी हो जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) इलाहाबाद–वाराणसी मीटर लाइन खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन करने के लिए वर्ष 1980 में सर्वेक्षण कराया गया था। परियोजना अर्थतम नहीं पायी गयी थी। अतः संसाधनों की अत्यधिक तंगी तथा पहले से की गयी भारी वचनबद्धताओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस पर आगे कार्रवाई नहीं की गयी। तथापि, वाराणसी-भटनी मीटर लाइन खंड का बड़ी लाइन में आमान परिवर्तन करना एक अनुमोदित परियोजना है। इसका पूरा होना आने वाले वर्षों में संसाधनों की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर करेगा।

Demand for appointment of School Grants Commission

179. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Secondary Teachers' Federation, in their 15th Conference held at Bangalore on June 6 and 7 last, had demanded that the Central Government should appoint an autonomous School Grants Commission; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, School education is primarily looked after and managed by the State Governments. The